

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to address the recommendation for maximal barrier precautions for the placement of arterial catheters. In the practice of anesthesia, we place many arterial lines for short-term use (often just the duration of the surgical procedure). This recommendation would result in increased time, cost, and potentially deter the use of these catheters in certain circumstances. The draft guideline makes this a Category IB recommendation, should this be mandated based on the current level of evidence.
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